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**Wye Group on statistics on rural development and  
agriculture household income****Note by the Secretary-General**

In accordance with a request of the Statistical Commission at its thirty-eighth session,\*\* the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit the report of the Wye Group on statistics on rural development and agriculture household income. The report is presented to the Commission for information. The Commission is requested to take note of the report.

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\* E/CN.3/2008/1.

\*\* *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 4 (E/2007/24), chap. I.A.*



## **Report of the Wye Group on statistics on rural development and agriculture household income**

1. The first meeting of the Wye Group will be held in York, England, in April 2008. The Group was formed as a successor to the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Agriculture Statistics (IWG.AGRI) task force on statistics on rural development and agricultural household income, which held its final meeting in June 2006, following the publication of the handbook entitled *Rural Households' Livelihood and Well-being: Statistics on Rural Development and Agriculture Household Income*.

2. The Group will include between 20 and 30 experts on statistics and economics from national statistics offices, ministries of agriculture, universities and research institutes, who have a shared interest in improving methods for collecting data on the rural environment, communities and farm and non-farm households.

3. The first meeting will discuss the Group's objectives and intended outputs. It will consist of three half-day sessions with a focus on rural statistics, agriculture household income and developing nations. Each session will include a keynote speaker and a number of discussion papers.

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